



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 26, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

REFLECTIONS - The 2022-23 school year has come to an end and I could not be prouder and more appreciative of our students, staff, and families. With the Covid disruption more and more in the rearview mirror, we began the year intent on resetting high behavioral expectations and academic rigor for our students, and they rose to the challenge! While campus leadership will continue to receive and review data over the summer, this year's preliminary academic achievement and survey results look promising. Staff have already outlined priorities for next year, and I am confident that as we continue to raise the bar, our students will meet and exceed expectations.

Thank you for supporting our teachers as the consummate professionals that they are. Thank you for ignoring the noise in some social media forums and news outlets that seek to malign educators and public education. Thank you for continuing to press our elected officials to equip public schools with needed resources. Thank you for entrusting us with what is most precious to you – your children. Know that I sincerely value your partnership in our [mission](#) as we strive to prepare students for their futures.

FINAL CALL FOR CHROMEBOOKS - If your child was not able to turn in their Chromebook and charger, please return these items to Bowie as soon as possible. There will be a collection bin in the Bowie front office during the first few weeks of summer for dropping off AISD-issued Chromebooks and chargers.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - Austin ISD is closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Beginning next week, Bowie's office hours will align to the district's hours of 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday for the weeks of May 30, 2023, to July 24, 2023. All Austin ISD offices and operations will be closed the week of July 3-7. Please be mindful that teachers, assistant principals, counselors and other support staff are off-contract for much of the summer, and therefore, will not respond to emails and phone calls until their return to campus in late July or August.

STUDENT SERVICES - Our website bowie.austinschools.org will continue to be updated, and it is a good place to look for general information, such as requesting a Verification of Attendance (VOE), requesting a transcript, updates to the parking permit plan, etc. Should you need more immediate assistance, please call Bowie's main number 512-414-5247 or email Joanna Willard (joanna.willard@austinisd.org).

COUNSELING TEAM - Alpha Counselors will be out of the office from June 7- July 18. If you need immediate assistance from the Counseling Department this summer, please contact Nicole Hepburn, Lead Counselor, at nicole.hepburn@austinisd.org. Ms. Hepburn will be working limited hours and appreciates your patience while awaiting a response. If you have questions regarding your student's schedule, we request that you contact your student's alpha counselor starting July 18.

CREDIT RECOVERY & EOC PREP CAMP - Bowie will host a summer credit recovery and STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) prep camp from June 5-15. Registration will be held in the Bowie main office from 7:00 am-7:00 pm on Thursday, June 1. Reach out to your child's counselor with any questions.

KIDDIE CAMPS - One of the best opportunities for families in our community to see the amazing things happening in Bulldog Nation is for their child to attend one of the Bowie Kiddie Camps where our talented coaches, sponsors, and high school students provide a fun experience and help develop the skills of our future Bulldogs. If you know the parents of a future Bulldog, please share the [Kiddie Camp Information](#) with them!

AP & ADVANCED COURSES ASSIGNMENTS - Some Advanced and AP courses require completion of an assignment in advance of the start of the school year (click [HERE](#) for more information).

PLANNING FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR - We are in the process of finalizing plans for the start of the 2023-24 school year. Over the next few weeks, we will be disseminating information about various events to be held in advance of the first day of school, including the Parent Meet & Greet, Freshman Parent Orientation Night, and the Meet at the Tree Campus Preview for Students. **To ensure students don't miss out on important information, actual "orientation activities" will be embedded in the classes during the first two weeks of school rather than offered through a summer break camp.** While the freshmen transition to high school will be a primary focus of these orientation activities, teachers will facilitate activities that academically and socially support students in all grade levels.

Have a wonderful and restful summer!

Go Dawgs!

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